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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To establish a performance parking pilot program to protect neighborhood parking; to manage the imminent demand for curbside parking created by new major retail and entertainment destinations; to promote retail patronage; to limit congestion; to create an Adams Morgan Taxicab Zone Pilot Program; and to create a Mount Pleasant Visitor Pass Pilot Program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
That this act may be cited as the “Performance Parking Pilot Zone Emergency Act of 2008”.

Sec. 2. Authorization of Performance Parking Pilot Program

(a) The Mayor is hereby authorized to establish a Performance Parking Pilot Program for the purpose of managing curbside parking and reducing congestion within and around established performance parking pilot zones.

(b) The authority to establish performance parking pilot zones within the District of Columbia is vested in the Council.

(c) The Mayor shall establish zone-specific parking management targets, and implement regulations, to achieve the following performance parking pilot zone goals:

1. Protect resident parking in residential zones;
2. Facilitate regular parking turnover in busy commercial areas;
3. Promote the use of non-auto transportation; and
4. Decrease vehicular congestion within each zone.

1 (d) Within each performance parking pilot zone, and notwithstanding any
2 other provision of law or regulation, the Mayor is hereby authorized to employ the
3 following to achieve the goals and targets established pursuant to Section 2(c) of this act:

- 4 1. Set or adjust curbside parking fees;
- 5 2. Set or adjust the days and hours during which curbside parking
6 fees apply;
- 7 3. Adjust parking fines, as needed, to dissuade illegal parking;
- 8 4. Exempt vehicles displaying valid in-zone RPP stickers from meter
9 payment, as needed.

10 (e) When increasing curbside parking fees within a performance parking pilot
11 zone, the Mayor shall:

- 12 1. Monitor curbside parking availability rates on commercial streets
13 to establish a need for any fee increase;
- 14 2. Except for fees in loading zones, not increase any fee by more than
15 \$0.50 in any one-month period, or more than once per month;
- 16 3. Except for fees in loading zones, provide notice to the affected
17 Ward Councilmember and ANC of any changes in curbside parking fees at least
18 10 days prior to implementation.

19 (f) Curbside signage, meter decals, and electronic displays shall provide
20 sufficient notice of changes to restrictions within a performance parking pilot zone,
21 except for changes to curbside parking fees pursuant to section 2(d) of this act.

22 (g) The Mayor shall designate a project manager who will serve as the main
23 point of contact for the public on matters related to each performance parking pilot zone.

1 (h) The Mayor shall publish a public web site that includes the following:
2 pilot zone boundaries, rules/regulations, information about how to use new parking fee
3 technologies, and a parking pilot project manager’s name and contact information.

4 (i) The Performance Parking Pilot Program shall terminate two years from
5 the effective date of this act.

6 **Sec. 3. Ballpark Performance Parking Pilot Zone**

7 (a) The Ballpark Performance Parking Pilot Zone is hereby designated as the
8 area bounded by:

- 9 1. The Southeast-Southwest Freeway on the north, 10th Street, SE on
10 the east, 12th Street, SW on the west, and the Washington Channel and Anacostia
11 River on the south, including both sides of boundary streets, but not including the
12 Southeast-Southwest Freeway; and
- 13 2. East Capitol Street on the north, 11th Street, SE on the east,
14 Washington Avenue, SW and South Capitol Street on the west, and the Southeast-
15 Southwest Freeway on the south, including both sides of boundary streets, but not
16 including the Southeast–Southwest Freeway.

17 (b) The Mayor shall assign parking control and traffic control officers for
18 implementation of the pilot plan within the Ballpark Performance Parking Pilot Zone, and
19 enhanced enforcement on stadium event days;

20 (c) Pursuant to section 2(e), the Mayor shall adjust fees to achieve 10% to
21 20% availability of curbside parking spaces.

22 (d) Notwithstanding section 2(e)(2) of this Act, for curbside parking spaces
23 where there are not established parking fees on the effective date of this act, the Mayor

1 may increase fees up to once per month by an amount up to 50% of the initial fee set for
2 this parking pilot zone.

3 (e) Notwithstanding section 2(d)(1) of this Act, where curbside fees existed
4 before the establishment of the performance parking pilot zone, the Mayor shall not set
5 the initial performance parking pilot zone fee higher than the existing fee.

6 (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the Mayor shall not
7 charge curbside parking fees on District or Federal holidays.

8 (g) Within the first 30 days of implementation of the Ballpark Performance
9 Parking Pilot Zone, the Mayor may issue warning citations for curbside parking
10 violations related to the pilot program.

11 **Sec. 4. Columbia Heights Retail Performance Parking Pilot Zone**

12 (a) The Columbia Heights Retail Performance Parking Pilot Zone is hereby
13 designated as:

- 14 1. The area bounded by:
- 15 i. 1100 through 1500 blocks of Monroe Street, NW;
 - 16 ii. 1100 through 1500 blocks of Harvard Street, NW;
 - 17 iii. 2900 through 3400 blocks of 11th Street, NW;
 - 18 iv. 2900 through 3300 blocks of 16th Street NW;
- 19 including both sides of boundary streets; and
- 20 2. Both sides of the 2900 through 3400 blocks of 14th Street, NW.

21 (b) The Mayor shall take the following actions for the Columbia Heights
22 Retail Performance Parking Pilot Zone:

1 1. Install, on all residential streets in the zone and all other
2 approaches to the municipal parking garage, signs that direct traffic toward off-
3 street parking within the retail complex on the west side of the 3100 block of 14th
4 Street NW, state the price for such off-street parking, and encourage public
5 transportation use;

6 2. Assign a sufficient number of parking control officers and traffic
7 control officers to enforce parking regulations seven days per week; and

8 3. Implement revisions to residential permit parking zones.

9 (c) Notwithstanding section 2(d)(1) of this act, any curbside parking fee set
10 within the Columbia Heights Retail Performance Parking Pilot Zone at the initiation of
11 the pilot program shall not exceed \$2.00 per hour.

12 (d) Notwithstanding section 2(d)(3) of this act, any increases in parking fines
13 in the Columbia Heights Retail Performance Parking Pilot Zone shall be subject to the
14 Council review and approval requirements of D.C. Code § 50-2610.

15 (e) Within the first 30 days of implementation of the Columbia Heights Retail
16 Performance Parking Pilot Zone, the Mayor shall only issue warning citations for
17 curbside parking violations related to the pilot program in this zone.

18 **Sec. 5. Expenditure of Parking Pilot Program Revenue**

19 One hundred percent of annual curbside parking fee revenue from each
20 performance parking pilot zone shall be used for the following purposes:

21 (a) 20% shall be for general purposes of the DDOT Operating Fund.

22 (b) Up to 60% shall be used to repay the cost of procurement and maintenance
23 of new meters and related signage for the pilot program in that zone.

1 (c) Once the cost of meter procurement is paid in full for a zone, up to 5%
2 shall be used to pay for meter maintenance and related signage in that zone.

3 (d) The remaining balance of curbside parking revenues shall be used solely
4 for the purpose of non-automobile transportation improvements in that pilot zone. The
5 Mayor shall involve pilot zone residents, businesses, Advisory Neighborhood
6 Commissions, and Ward Councilmembers in prioritizing such improvements. Such
7 improvements may include:

8 1. Enhancements to bus and rail facilities to improve access and level
9 of service such as electronic real-time schedule displays outside of stations and
10 stops, display of large full-color bus and rail maps, bus-only and bus priority
11 lanes, and programs to increase electronic fare payment technologies;

12 2. Enhancements to increase the safety, convenience, and comfort of
13 pedestrians, such as new or improved sidewalks, lighting, signage, benches,
14 improved streetscapes, countdown crosswalk signals, and neighborhood traffic
15 calming; and

16 3. Improvements to biking infrastructure such as painted and
17 separated bike lanes, installation of public bike racks, and way-finding signage for
18 bicyclists.

19 **Sec. 6. Reporting Requirements and Oversight of Performance Parking Pilot**
20 **Zones**

21 (a) Prior to implementation, or upon the effective date of this act, whichever
22 is later, DDOT shall transmit a detailed pilot zone plan to the Council and to the Chairs of
23 all ANCs within a performance parking pilot zone. The plan shall set zone-specific

1 parking management targets and shall detail parking changes, which may include new
2 parking restrictions and curbside parking fees.

3 (b) During the term of the zone-specific performance parking pilot, DDOT, in
4 collaboration with the Ward councilmember, shall conduct quarterly public meetings, to
5 provide an update on all parking management targets within the zone, and an opportunity
6 for public comment on the program.

7 (c) If a zone-specific performance parking pilot is not meeting established
8 parking management targets after the second quarter of operation, DDOT shall re-
9 evaluate the strategies used and implement a revised plan. Within 30 days after the
10 second quarter of operation, any revised plan shall be implemented and transmitted to the
11 Council and ANCs, pursuant to paragraph (a).

12 (d) The Mayor shall submit an annual report for the prior fiscal year on each
13 zone-specific performance parking pilot. The report shall be transmitted to the Council
14 within 30 days after the fourth quarter for each zone-specific performance parking pilot,
15 and shall provide an update on all parking management targets within the zone. At a
16 minimum, the report shall include:

- 17 1. Any changes to established parking fees;
- 18 2. A description of curbside parking availability;
- 19 3. A description of parking turnover rates on retail streets;
- 20 4. Congestion and double parking statistics for retail streets;
- 21 5. Statistics on use of pay by phone technology;
- 22 6. Number, location and nature of parking violations and citations

23 issued;

- 1 7. Total revenue from the pilot zone;
- 2 8. A itemization of expenditures for meter procurement and
- 3 maintenance, enhanced enforcement, and non-auto transportation improvements
- 4 in each pilot zone; and
- 5 9. Any recommendations for legislative or regulatory initiatives to
- 6 improve curbside parking efficiency.
- 7 (e) Sixty days prior to the expiration of a zone-specific performance parking
- 8 pilot, the Mayor shall produce a final report evaluating the success of the zone-specific
- 9 performance parking pilot. The report shall include recommendations for continuation of
- 10 some or all aspects of the pilot within the zone.
- 11 **Sec. 7. Adams Morgan Taxicab Zone Pilot Program**
- 12 (a) The Mayor shall establish a taxicab zone in Adams Morgan by May 15,
- 13 2008, which shall extend the width of 18th Street, NW, from 18th Street, NW, and
- 14 Kalorama Road, NW, to 18th Street, NW and Columbia Road, NW.
- 15 (b) Except as provided in this section, Title 31 of the D.C. Municipal
- 16 Regulations shall apply to the established taxicab zone.
- 17 (c) The Mayor shall post signage throughout the zone identifying zone hours,
- 18 zone restrictions, and taxicab stand locations, and give notice of the same to the D.C.
- 19 Taxicab Commission, affected ANCs and business organizations prior to implementation
- 20 of the Adams Morgan Taxicab Zone Pilot Program.
- 21 (d) A taxicab, as defined in D.C. Official Code § 9-1103.01, shall not pick up
- 22 a passenger for hire within a designated taxicab zone during taxi zone hours, except for at
- 23 a designated taxicab stand.

1 (e) For the purposes of this section, the term “taxi zone hours” shall mean
2 from 9:00 p.m. Thursday through 4:00 a.m. Friday; from 9:00 p.m. Friday through 4:00
3 a.m. Saturday; and from 9:00 p.m. Saturday through 4:00 a.m. Sunday.

4 (f) The Mayor shall establish two taxicab stands within the Adams Morgan
5 taxicab zone. Taxicab stands shall:

- 6 1. Be clearly identified with signage;
- 7 2. Have adequate queue space for a maximum number of taxicabs, as
8 identified by the Mayor; and
- 9 3. Have adequate space for taxicab patrons to queue.

10 (g) In such taxicab stands, taxicabs shall stand only while awaiting passengers
11 for hire.

12 (h) The provisions of this act shall be enforced pursuant to D.C. Official Code
13 § 50-312 (f) and (g).

14 (i) The Adams Morgan Taxicab Zone Pilot Program shall terminate on
15 October 1, 2010.

16 (j) 45 days prior to the termination of the Adams Morgan Taxicab Zone Pilot
17 Program, the Mayor shall present a report to the Council on the efficacy of the program,
18 which shall include recommendations on the continued need for a designated taxicab
19 zone in Adams Morgan.

20 **Sec. 8. Mount Pleasant Visitor Pass Pilot Program**

21 (a) The Mayor shall implement a one year visitor parking pilot program for
22 Residential Permit Parking (RPP) areas within ANC1D boundaries.

23 (b) For the purposes of this pilot program, DDOT is authorized to:

- 1 1. Charge a fee for each permit issued pursuant to this program; and
- 2 2. Limit the hours for which an RPP permit is valid.

3 (c) The Mayor shall publish proposed regulations to implement the program
4 within 90 days of the effective date of this act. After a 30-day period of review, or upon
5 Council approval, whichever comes sooner, the proposed regulations shall be in effect.

6 **Sec. 9. Fiscal impact statement**

7 The Council adopts the attached fiscal impact statement as the fiscal impact
8 statement as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of
9 Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official
10 Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

11 **Sec. 10. Transmittal**

12 The Secretary of the Council shall transmit a copy of this resolution, upon its
13 adoption, to the Mayor.

14 **Sec. 11. Effective date**

15 This resolution shall take effect immediately.